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Filing Date: 11/2/1999  
First Named Inventor: Cesar Z. Lina  
Art Unit: 3764  
Confirmation No.: 1761  
Examiner: DeMille, Danton D.  
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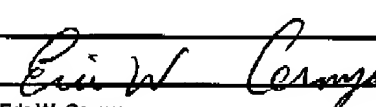
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Each claim over 20	18	9
Each independent claim over 3	88	44
Multiple dependent claims	300	150
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Information disclosure stmt. fee	180	180	
37 CFR 1.17(q) processing fee	50	50	
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